



4th October 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jesus is never too busy or too tired to listen to children!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We begin our newsletter with some very sad news this week. A past pupil of our school, Maisie Almond, passed away on Wednesday this week after a short and unexpected illness. Maisie was aged 14 years and was a pupil at All Saints Catholic College. We announce her passing this week as a mark of respect to Maisie, and we ask our current St. Peter's families to remember her mum, dad and older brother in your prayers at this time. We thank our children for the beautiful prayers that they have been saying this week for Maisie. They have done this with the greatest of respect.

*Father,
At this time of great sadness,
Please comfort everyone who is in mourning.
Be especially close to the family and friends of Maisie.
May they know Your peace in their hearts.
May they draw strength from the happy memories they have.
May they draw strength from each other.
May they draw strength from You.
We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus,
Amen.*

We now move on to other news.

Transfer from Primary to Secondary School – September 2025 - As our Year 6 children are due to transfer to high school in September, an application should be made using the online application form via the Citizens Portal, which is available on the 'School Admissions' pages on Tameside's website <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/admissions> under the section '**Secondary School Admission**' you are advised to read the '**Moving On**' booklet before you complete your online form. The closing date for application forms is **Thursday 31st October 2024**.

Attendance – week beginning 23 September, 2024

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%age)	92.6	94.6	95.7	100	93.3	92.6	96	96.3
Punctuality (number of late marks)	0	0	0	3	1	8	2	1

Attendance overall was a little lower across school last week. Well done to our three youngest classes, though – everyone was on time for school every day!

Open Mornings – These will be held on 15 November and 9 January, both at 9.30am. They are for families interested in applying for a place in our Nursery or Reception classes. Families are invited to look around our school and to ask any questions that they may have. If you know of families who may be in the position of looking for a school place, please feel free to share these dates with them. Places can be booked by telephoning Mrs Murray in our school office.

October is Black History Month. As we celebrate this at St. Peter's, we are keen to make it as relevant and 'real' to the children as possible. **We would very much welcome visitors from our families who would like to speak to our children about their own family history, or their own beliefs about significant people throughout Black History.** Class staff would support any adult visitors, and visits would only need to be short!
Please telephone or Email the school office if this is something you feel you could support us with. It would really bring history to life for our children!

Class Masses will take place on the following Wednesdays at 9.15am in the chapel (in St. Peter's Church).

Reception: 13 November

Year 6: 20 November

Class Assemblies will take place on the following Fridays at 2.45pm:

Y4: 4 October

Y6: 18 October

Y5: 25 October

Y2: 15 November

Y3: 6 December

More dates will be added in the Spring and Summer terms.

Parental Guidance – Please visit this section of our school website. It has information about local financial and practical support, support with cyberbullying, opportunities for families of children with SEND and support for single parents.

October – the month of the Holy Rosary: Class teachers will invite families to a 'prayer share' in each classroom, where you can join to us pray the Holy Rosary.



PTFA Halloween Disco – This will take place on Thursday, 24 October at school. Please see attached posted for more information on such a wonderful night.

6.00pm - 7.00pm for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

7.15pm - 8.15pm for Year groups 3, 4, 5 and 6.

We ask that one adult stays with each Nursery child for the disco, but we ask families of all other year groups to leave their children with us to be supervised by school staff.

Please speak to Mrs K Broadbent in Year 5 if you would like to volunteer to work on a stall during the discos as a member of our PTFA. You could also Email ptfa@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk to state this.

Asda Rewards - Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen primary school. It does not stop there, Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. **It's as easy as 1,2,3**

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools. (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School by either searching by name or postcode – St Peter's Catholic Primary School, SK15 2HB.
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop.

No need to do anything else as Asda will do the rest. All money raised will be donated our schools to spend on the things we need the most.

Robinwood Residential Year 5 – 30th April – 2nd May – a chase up text has been sent showing outstanding deposits and payments to date. The 2nd instalment of £40.00 was due on 13th September with the 3rd instalment of £67.00 due on 10th October.

Gmail Email Addresses - unfortunately there is still a problem sending the school newsletter or any other school correspondence to Gmail email address. The newsletter is always accessible on the school website for you to read through. The notifications we have received from Gmail is - to rectify this connection please contact your email admin as your email address is not accepting connection requests from our newsletter email. If you have an alternative email address you wish provide, please email – newsletter@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk and we will update our records. Sorry for any inconvenience

School Fund – the amount for the Academic year is £38.00, payment can be made online via the School Money Scheme. This has been set up so you may choose the amount you would like to pay as this is a voluntary donation. We are most grateful for any contributions you are able to make all monies donated are spent on wider curriculum opportunities for the children.

PE Kit - please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school. Details of the PE uniform can be found on the 'Uniform' page under the 'Parent Information' tab on our school website. Please ensure junior children have their full outdoor kit – navy or black sweater and navy or black tracksuit/ jogging bottoms. This is because of the weather becoming cooler as we go into the season of Autumn. Thank you.

School Uniform Suppliers

JFC Supplies – www.jfcsports.co.uk Unit 8a, Redfern Ind. Est. Meadow Street, Hyde, SK14 1RE, telephone: 367 7700

MCS Stores - www.mcsstores.co.uk 32 Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6ER, telephone: 339 9845

After School Clubs

Monday – Choir – Y3 - 6

Tuesdays - Lincoln Delve' football club with Year 2

Wednesday – Tennis for Years 3 – 6 at Stalybridge Tennis Club

Wednesday – Mini Vinnies for Y3, 4, 5 and 6

Thursday – Tag Rugby Year 5 -6 with Terri, our sports coach

Friday – Football – for Years 5-6 with Tameside Sports

More clubs will be added as the year progresses – please just keep an eye on the newsletter for after school clubs that your child may be interested in.

NHS Guidance on keeping children well this winter - Tameside Public Health have produced the attached leaflet with advice to help keep children well this winter. This includes information about ways to reduce the chance of catching and passing on infections, some of the more common winter illnesses and how to manage them, as well as information on vaccinations. For more information, please visit the NHS guidance link ['Is my child too ill for school?'](#) for more help.

Nursery Snack Fund - snack fund is £2.50 per week. We also ask for £1.00 a week as a voluntary contribution for curriculum enhancement. Payments are made via School Money Scheme. Nursery snack fund for this half term will be £27.30. Snack fund amounts will vary due to staggered intake.

Nursery Wraparound Provision – we are pleased to offer wraparound care in our nursery unit. The sessions are from 11:55 am until 15:15. The charge is £15.00 per each afternoon session. Please speak with Mrs Walker or Miss O'Brien to arrange any additional afternoons.

School Meals - The amount due for KS2 (juniors) for this half term is £124.80 (39 meals). Payments are made through the Tameside website - <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals> . Please could you ensure all payments are up to date. The TMBC website is now up and running. Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

If your circumstances change you may be eligible to apply for free school meals. More information is available on the school website under school meals where there is a link to a website www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside Here, you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible.

Also, if you think you may be eligible and you have a child in the infants - including Nursery, although Infant children are entitled to a free school meal under the universal free school meal scheme, you should still apply for this, as school receives extra funding to support your child in school. Please contact Mrs Murray in the school office for more information.

Coconut, Prawns, Avocado and Nut allergies - please could I ask parents not to include any of these items in their child's packed lunch as we have children in school with severe allergies. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Packed Lunches - If your child no longer requires school meals and wishes to go onto packed lunches, we require a minimum of 2 week notice period. All requests need to be made in writing to the school meal email address – schoolmeals@stpeters.tameside.sch.uk

Twitter / X - We have re-launched our Twitter/X feed - @stpetersSB and are using this social media platform as a way of engaging with families so you are kept up to date with current news and events. Please take a moment to follow our page.

Community Events

Etherow Apple Extravaganza and Family Fun Day 6th October – please see attached poster for more information

Tameside Libraries Children's Fancy Dress Swap – please see attached poster for more information

Curzon Ashton FC Activities - Please find below activities you might like to participate in at Curzon Ashton FC.

Affordable Football

We have tickets available for families to access our National League North home fixtures for just £5.00, which allows 1 x Adult & 1 x Child entry to cheer the team on. Each child will receive an Autograph Hunt sheet to try and collect all ten signatures. Link to book tickets online is <https://eequ.org/experience/5149>

October FREE Holiday Course

We are running a free holiday course at Broadoak Community Centre in Ashton-under-Lyne during the October school holidays. There are only 20 x places available to children in receipt of free school meals.

Link to book a place on the course is <https://eequ.org/experience/9926>

National League Trust U11's Cup

A chance for your school football team to go all the way to a Wembley Final!

We're holding the 'local' phase of the tournament as follows -

Wednesday 13.11.24 - Girls Only

Wednesday 20.11.24 - Boys/Mixed

Both tournaments will be 6v6 (Squad of 9) and will start at 10am and finish at 12pm.

Link to book a team <https://eequ.org/experience/10974>

Bat Detecting Walk and Talk - Join us for a special family walk discovering the noisy nocturnal world of bats and echolocation with the bat detector. Bat enthusiast Russ Hedley will lead the walk and talk, and his love for bats will help you discover more about their habitat, environments and how they connect to the greater web of life. Meet at the front door for Portland Basin Museum, Ashton OL7 0QA- 30th October at 5:30pm. [Book your place here](#)

Dates for your diary:

Thursday, 24th October: PTFA Halloween disco after school – volunteers who can support our PTFA by running a stall at the disco would be most welcome

Week beginning 4th November: Multifaith Week in school – children will be experiencing activities based on the Hindu faith.

Week beginning 4th November: We will be focussing on the children's safety around bonfires and fireworks.

Week beginning 11th November: Anti-bullying Week

11th November: Remembrance Day

Week beginning 18th November: Disability Awareness Week

Parents' Evening: Tuesday, 12th November, 3.30-7.00pm AND Wednesday, 13th November, 3.30-5.00pm. Families will be invited to sign up for a slot nearer to the time.

Wednesday, 27th November: Own clothes day (in exchange for a tombola prize for the Christmas fair)!

Saturday, 30th November: St. Peter's Parish Christmas Fair (in school)

Wednesday, 11th December: Nursery, Reception and Infant Christmas Play, 9.30am and 2.00pm.

Tuesday, 17th December: Junior Christmas Play, 9.30am and 2.00pm.

Thursday, 19th December: Christmas dinner and party day. Children may wear party clothes to school

God bless,

Kind regards,

Mrs K Ryan

Headteacher